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(U) Berkeley – UC Berkeley Students, Staff Warned of Massive Data Breach

(U) UC Berkeley students, staff, and faculty are being warned of a massive cyberattack that could compromise their data, including bank and Social Security numbers. UC Berkeley's Office of Emergency Management sent an alert out this week notifying the campus that the security breach could be serious. The breach affects the entire UC system statewide, not only UC Berkeley. The attack involves Accellion, a vendor used for file transfer, in which an "unauthorized individual appears to have copied and transferred UC files by exploiting a vulnerability in Accellion's file-transfer service."

SOURCE: 9 April 2021, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) Spring Valley – Deputies Find \$6 Million in Cannabis, Five Guns in Raid at Unlicensed Dispensary

(U) Deputies raided an allegedly unlawful cannabis dispensary in Spring Valley, seizing more than 3,000-pounds of unprocessed cannabis and other products estimated to be worth more than \$6 million, authorities said. Deputies also discovered four handguns and a shotgun during the raid at the shop. The deputies seized \$5,000 cash, as well.

SOURCE: 8 April 2021, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) South Lake Tahoe – Man Suspected of Intentionally Lighting Two Wildland Fires

(U) South Lake Tahoe police say they responded to a fire in some wildland and found evidence that the fire was intentionally set. A quarter-mile away, along Pioneer Trail, firefighters who were responding to the scene found a second wildland fire which also appeared to have been set intentionally, police say. Firefighters noticed a suspect, later identified as Issac Escalera, who was trying to hide in the brush and officers took him into custody for suspicion of starting both fires. Escalera has since been booked into El Dorado County Jail and is facing arson charges.

SOURCE: 8 April 2021, [MSN](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – US Lawmaker Requests Labeling White Supremacists Overseas as Terrorist

(U) Washington DC – The Biden administration is being pressed by a lawmaker to consider designating white supremacist groups overseas as foreign terrorists subject to US government actions. If the President's administration were to take the unprecedented step of listing such groups as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs), it could possibly help curb dangerous white supremacist organizations. It could also give the US Government more tools to engage and flag the Americans who contact, support, train, and join these white supremacist extremist groups.

SOURCE: 9 April 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US-Canada Launch Task Force to Target Gun-Smuggling Operations

(U) Washington DC – The US has teamed up with Canada to disrupt and dismantle gun smuggling operations at the northern border. US Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Canada Border Services Agency earlier this month announced a new task force dedicated to stopping the illegal

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movement of firearms, ammunition, and explosive weapons across the US-Canadian border. The task force will ensure law enforcement partners on both sides of the border share and benefit from intelligence and information to address gun smuggling and trafficking, according to a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement news release.

SOURCE: 7 April 2021, [FOX 2](#)

(U) Massachusetts – City of Lawrence Hit with Significant Ransomware Attack

(U) Lawrence – Hackers hit the City of Lawrence with a ransomware attack that disabled major computer systems. The city is “arranging payment” to regain control. The online attack was initiated sometime over the weekend. A source familiar with the situation said cybercriminals took control of the computers at the fire and police departments, as well as City Hall.

SOURCE: 8 April 2021, [Boston 25](#)

(U) Minnesota – Authorities Charge Man Tied to Boogaloo Movement

(U) St. Cloud – A Minnesota man whom authorities describe as a self-proclaimed member of the anti-government “boogaloo” movement and had an interest in killing police was charged Wednesday with illegal possession of a machine gun. The complaint states that Michael Dahlager, 27, of St. Cloud, told a confidential informant he was preparing to “defend” a rally at the state Capitol on 17 January. Dahlager allegedly traveled from St. Cloud to St. Paul in December 2020 to conduct surveillance at the Capitol building during a “Stop the Steal” rally by Donald Trump supporters. He scouted police numbers, overwatch positions and streets blocked by law enforcement, among other things. Dahlager told the informant he wanted to commit “suicide by cop” and would not wear a bulletproof vest, according to the nine-page complaint. Eventually the plans for 17 January were called off because of fears the group had been compromised by an informant.

SOURCE: 7 April 2021, [NBC Washington](#)

(U) Texas – Cabinet Factory Worker Kills One, Wounds Six in Workplace Shooting

(U) Bryan – A gunman opened fire at the cabinet-making plant in Texas where he worked, killing one person and wounding six others before he was taken into custody in the latest of several mass shootings in the US over the past three weeks. Four of those wounded in the shooting rampage at Kent Moore Cabinets, a warehouse-sized facility at an industrial park in Bryan, Texas, were rushed to area hospitals in critical condition. The suspect, later identified by police as Larry Winston Bollin, a 27-year-old employee, was being held on \$1 million bond facing murder charges. Investigators said they did not yet know what motivated the deadly outburst of workplace violence in east-central Texas.

SOURCE: 8 April 2021, [Reuters](#)

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(U) Chad – Authorities Make Arrests in Alleged Pre-Election Bomb and Murder Plot

(U) N’Djamena – Chad’s interior ministry says it has arrested several people after uncovering a plot to assassinate prominent political figures and bomb polling stations and the electoral commission headquarters ahead of an upcoming presidential election. Politicians were among those arrested for planning the killings of opposition and civil society leaders in an attempt to frame the government, the ministry said in a statement late on Thursday. Those involved in the election plot were arrested while driving cars with fake license plates loaded with “weapons of war”, the ministry said. The situation was under control, it said.

SOURCE: 9 April 2021, [Reuters](#)

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(U) Netherlands – Dutch Police Detain Man in Plot to Attack Vaccination Center

(U) Den Helder – Police in the Netherlands arrested a 37-year-old man on suspicion of plotting a crime with “terrorist intent” for allegedly planning to set off what they described as a “firework bomb” at a COVID-19 vaccination center, prosecutors said Thursday. The man, whose identity was not released in line with Dutch privacy guidelines, was arrested 18 March. He allegedly wanted to attack the former town hall in the northern port of Den Helder, 55-miles north of Amsterdam, which is being used as a vaccination center.

SOURCE: 8 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mozambique – Twelve People, Possibly Foreigners, Beheaded in Attack

(U) Palma – Twelve people, possibly foreigners, were found beheaded following an attack claimed by an Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) affiliate on the northern Mozambique town of Palma. ISIS-linked insurgents have been increasingly active since 2017 in the northern Cabo Delgado province where Palma is located, although it is unclear whether they have a unified aim.

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